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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Thomas R. Cech et al.

Application No.: 08/912,951

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For: HUMAN TELOMERASE
CATALYTIC SUBUNIT:
DIAGNOSTIC AND
THERAPEUTIC METHODS

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Art Unit: 1646

AMENDMENT AFTER ALLOWANCE
UNDER 37 CFR § 1.312(a)

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Sir:

In response to the Notice of Allowance mailed April 9, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 8, line 1 with the following rewritten paragraph:

#1
The invention also provides a method for treatment of a condition associated with an elevated level of telomerase activity within a cell, comprising introducing into said cell a therapeutically effective amount of an inhibitor of said telomerase activity, wherein said inhibitor is an hTERT polypeptide or an hTERT polynucleotide. In one embodiment the inhibitor is a